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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: application of

Theoharis C. Theoharides

Serial No. 10/811,825

**GAU: 1655** 

Examiner Michael Y Meller

Filed: 03/30/2004

For: Implanted Medical Devices with Anti-Inflammatory Coating

Response to Restriction Requirement

**Commissioner for Patents** POB 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1459 Mail Stop: Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to a Restriction Requirement mailed 09/22/06, the period for response having been extended to 01/22/07 by the accompanying petition and fee, applicant elects with traverse claim group III (claims 45-48).

Method of Using claim 43 (Claim Group II) is the means by which the devices of elected claims 45-48 are produced. It is well established in the law that, when such relationships exist ,both sets of claims can be examined together. Applicant is well aware of the rejoinder possibility that the examiner was kind enough to provide in the Office Action. If the traversal fails, applicant intends to amend claims 43 and 49 to descend from Group III claims, as suggested by the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

Date of signature: 01/17/2007

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